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Koval informed those present that the SMA desired that the yearly output in crude steel, inclusive of cast iron and rolling mill products, be raised to 800,000 tons a year. It was requested that a draft for such an order be immediately submitted and that all necessary preliminary measures be taken.

The SMA intended, Koval explained, to give first consideration to rolling mill products which are well suited for further processing, also from the financial angle. The necessary scrap iron could be obtained subsequently at low prices from abroad.

It would become necessary for the iron industry to concentrate on the manufacture of **consumer** goods on a profitable basis, since there was great demand for these goods in the Soviet Union, as well as in the countries to the east and southeast of Germany.

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